Pollution Control Board (CPCB), New Delhi for approval to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the dates on which each of the proposal was received in the Ministry; and

(c) whether the proposals have since been approved, and if so, on which date and if not, the reasons therefor in respect of each proposal and by when these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The details of the proposals sent by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the dates on which they were received in the Ministry are given below:

S. No.	Nature of the Proposal	Date of receipt in the Ministry
1.	Creation of post of Senior Environmental Engineer in CPCB (05 posts)	10.10.1995
2.	Creation of post of Senior Scientist in CPCB (03 posts)	10.10.1995
3.	Creation of post of Senior Law Officer (01 post) and Law Officer (01 post) in CPCB	08.02.1995
4.	Revival of the post of Senior Administrative Officer (01 post) in CPCB.	03.11.1995
5.	Draft Recruitment Rules for the posts of Director/Addl. Director under ESS	14.06.1996
6.	Recruitment Rules for the post of Junior Environmental Engineer in CPCB.	Not received.

The draft recruitment rules for the posts of Director and Additional Director for Environment Surveillance Squads in CPCB, are under consideration in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training. The Central Pollution Control Board has assigned a Work Measurement study to the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), New Delhi, in 1995. Their report is awaited. These proposals will be considered after receipt of the report of IAMR.

Hike in the prices of PDS items

3709. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of wheat, rice and sugar meant for sale through PDS have been hiked a number of times by Government during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof item-wise/price-wise during the year as compared to 1995-96 till date also indicating the increase in the subsidy burden;

(c) whether this frequent rise will not affect the people who are living below the poverty line and depend more or less on foodgrains being supplied/sold through PDS; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps Government have taken so far to mitigate the hardships being caused to the poor people on account of increase in prices as well as non-availability of ration item at PDS?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) The Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice for PDS raised w.e.f. 1.2.94 are still in force. Consequent upon the decision of

the Central Government to streamline and restructure PDS with its focus on the poor (the Targeted PDS), the CIP (Ex-FCI godown) of wheat and rice issued from the Central Pool will stand revised from 1st June, 1997, as under:—

(Rs. per qtl.)

		Under Targeted PDS (effective from 1.6.97)	
	CIP for PDS (effective from 1.2.94)	CIP for families Below Poverty Line (BPL)	CIP for families Above Poverty Line (APL)
Wheat	402	250	450
Rice - Common	537	350	—
- Fine	617	350	650
- Superfine	648	—	750

In case, however, a State/UT is ready to implement the Targeted PDS from a date earlier than 1.6.1997, the revised prices for both BPL and APL population will apply from such a date. The aforesaid prices show a decrease in the prices for BPL population and increase in the prices for APL population.

The subsidy borne by the Government on supply of foodgrains under PDS/ RPDS, etc. is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Financial year	Subsidy on *Foodgrains*	Subsidy on *Sugar*
1994-95	4509	591
1995-96 (RE)	4960	415
1996-97 (RE)	5166	900
1997-98 (RE)	7000	500

As regards sugar, the retail issue price has been raised from Rs. 9.05 fixed w.e.f. 1.2.94 to Rs. 10.50 per kg. w.e.f. 10.2.97.

The Government have taken a number of steps to check rise in open Market Prices of foodgrains, like, import of wheat upto 2 million tonnes, increased allocation for PDS and Open Market Sales Scheme, imposition of licensing and stock holding limits and action against hoarders and black marketeers under the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act.

मध्य प्रदेश में निर्मित गोदाम तथा उनकी भण्डारण क्षमता

3710. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
डा० जगन्नाथ मिश्र:

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में निर्मित और निर्माणाधीन गोदामों की संख्या कितनी है और उनकी भण्डारण क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार राज्य में कुछ और गोदामों का निर्माण करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री और खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) भारतीय खाद्य निगम, केन्द्रीय भंडारण निगम और मध्य प्रदेश राज्य भंडारण निगम के संबंध में सूचना निम्नानुसार है:—

भारतीय खाद्य निगम:

1.4.1997 को स्थिति के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास 12.46 लाख टन की क्षमता वाले कुल 144 गोदाम थे जिनमें से 8.21 लाख टन क्षमता वाले 41 गोदाम अपने निर्मित हैं जिनका समूचा उपयोग 55 प्रतिशत है। छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में धमत्री में 10,000 टन की क्षमता का एक गोदाम निर्माणाधीन है।